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EVER SINCE LEARNING THAT MY SISTER IS STILL ALIVE, I WORKED MY WAY ACROSS THIS WORLD...

STAYING OUT OF SIGHT OF THE DAMNED HARKONNENS-- THE BEASTS WHO TOOK HER.

BUT AT LAST, I'VE REACHED MOUNT EBONY.

BHETH IS BEING HELD AT THE MILITARY BASE THERE.

THOSE ANIMALS HAVE HAD HER IN A PLEASURE HOUSE FOR YEARS.

I WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO DISGUISE MYSELF AND SLIP IN.

BUT I HAVE COME TOO FAR TO GIVE UP NOW.

I HAVE MY HARVESTING KNIFE. I HAVE A BLUDGEON. IT WILL BE SUFFICIENT.

IF I MOVE FAST ENOUGH...

KRAK

WHERE IS BHETH? BHETH HALLECK--ONE OF YOUR WOMEN!

TELL ME--*NOW!* OR DIE.

B-BHETH? HALLECK? AH, YES! IN GREAT DEMAND. R-ROOM 214!

D-DON'T KILL ME.

BHETH...

LEAVE HER ALONE!

WHAK

I CAME TO SAVE YOU!

UNNHH- UNNNHH- UNNHH!

URRGHLLL. UNNNHHHH.

GODS BELOW! THEY CUT OUT HER VOICE BOX!

WE KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH YOU.

ZZZZZT

ARRAKIS
SOUTH POLAR ZONE

YOU FOUND OUR HIDDEN BASE. NO ONE ELSE WAS ABLE TO DO SO.

WE WORK HERE, WITH NO PRYING EYES. MY BAND HAS ENOUGH SHIPS TO GO WHERE WE LIKE, TO DO WHAT WE WILL.

SMUGGLERS.

OUTLAWS...

OUTLAWS? THAT DEPENDS ON WHICH LAW YOU FOLLOW, LADS. *IMPERIAL* LAW? HAH! FOLLOW ME.

THESE CAVES REMIND ME OF BEAUTIFUL IX. OF HOME...

WE HAVE HAD OUR BASE HERE FOR SIXTEEN YEARS, UNDISTURBED.

AND YET *YOU* FOUND US!

THIS IS A FAR CRY FROM THE GRAND PALAIS ON IX, BUT IT SERVES WELL ENOUGH AS MY OFFICE.

NOW, EXPLAIN YOURSELVES, LADS. WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THIS INHOSPITABLE REGION?

WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO YOU ARE!

I AM *EARL DOMINIC VERNIUS,* FORMERLY OF IX! ALONG WITH PAULUS ATREIDES, I WAS A HERO OF THE *ECAZI REVOLT,* MANY YEARS AGO.

THIS DESK IS ECAZI BLOODWOOD-- A TROPHY OF THOSE DAYS WHEN I FOUGHT FOR THE IMPERIUM.

I WAS LOYAL TO EMPEROR ELROOD IX-- UNTIL HE BETRAYED US!

THEN IX WAS OVERTHROWN BY THE TLEILAXU, MY FAMILY GONE RENEGADE, MY CHILDREN IN EXILE ON CALADAN...

MY BELOVED SHANDO MURDERED BY BOUNTY HUNTERS.

AT LEAST RHOMBUR AND KAILEA GOT AWAY...

SO, YOU WERE A FANCY NOBLEMAN, AND NOW YOU LEAD A BAND OF SMUGGLERS?

BUSINESSMEN. WE DO WHAT WE MUST TO SURVIVE.

AND YOU AND I HAVE BUSINESS TO DISCUSS. TELL US WHAT MISTAKES WE MADE SO WE CAN BETTER HIDE THE BASE.

WHAT WILL YOU PAY US FOR SUCH VITAL INFORMATION?

YOUR LIVES.

MY PEOPLE HAVE OTHER BASES ON OTHER PLANETS, AND SUCH INFORMATION WOULD BE USEFUL. ESPECIALLY ON ***SALUSA SECUNDUS.***

GIVE US THE DETAILS AND HELP OUR CAMOUFLAGE, AND THEN MAYBE SOMEDAY WE CAN DO BUSINESS.

SALUSA SECUNDUS? MY FATHER WORKED THERE FOR YEARS AS PLANETOLOGIST.

CALADAN

MY PEOPLE ARE FIGHTING FOR THEIR FREEDOM ON IX, LETO. AND WE ARE ON A PLEASURE CRUISE.

EVERYTHING HAS RISKS, RHOMBUR.

THIS IS MY CALADAN, AND I AM THE DUKE. I MUST TAKE MY SON OUT TO SEE THE WORLD HE WILL RULE ONE DAY.

"EVEN IF HIS MOTHER WANTS TO SHELTER HIM IN THE CASTLE WALLS ALL THE TIME."

"MY SISTER LOVES LITTLE VICTOR...BUT SHE DOES WORRY TOO MUCH."

RELAX, RHOMBUR. SWAIN GOIRE WOULD NEVER LET HARM COME TO HIM. IT'LL BE A GRAND ADVENTURE!

VICTOR WILL SEE THE WONDERS OF CALADAN.

YES, A GRAND ADVENTURE...

I'VE HAD WORD BACK FROM C'TAIR ON IX. THE REBELS RECEIVED THE EXPLOSIVES AND WEAPONS WE SECRETLY SENT THEM.

THEY'VE ALREADY CAUSED A GOOD DEAL OF DAMAGE TO THE DAMNED TLEILAXU!

AND I'VE TRIED TO BROKER A PEACE BETWEEN GRUMMAN AND ECAZ IN THEIR LONG FEUD. THE GRUMMANS ARE IRRATIONAL...

HOW I WISH DUNCAN IDAHO WERE FINISHED WITH HIS SWORDMASTER TRAINING ON GINAZ! IT'S BEEN FOUR YEARS...

I DON'T LIKE THE LOOK OF THAT STORM FRONT. IT SEEMS ODD.

THAT IS NO NORMAL STORM, MY LORD.

WHAT IS IT, CAPTAIN?

I HAVE SEEN SUCH A THING ONLY ONCE BEFORE...I THINK IT IS AN *ELECRAN.*

AN ELECRAN? I THOUGHT THOSE WERE JUST A MYTH! BUT THERE ARE MANY MYSTERIES IN THE SEAS OF CALADAN.

IT IS SAID THAT AN ELECRAN IS THE GHOSTS OF THOSE WHO DIED AT SEA...TURNED INTO LIVING LIGHTNING!

IT LOOKS DANGEROUS, WHATEVER THE EXPLANATION!

I'LL TAKE EVASIVE ACTION, FULL THROTTLE. BUT WE CAN'T OUTRUN AN ELECRAN!

HOW DO WE FIGHT IT, MY LORD?

IS IT ALIVE?

THE LASGUN HAS NO EFFECT!

KZZAT

I'LL PROTECT YOU, LITTLE VICTOR!

ZZZT

I CANNOT PUT MY SON IN DANGER!

THE STORIES SAY THAT AN ELECRAN HAS TO STAY IN CONTACT WITH THE WATER! READY YOUR LASRIFLES!

BUT THE BEAMS HAVE NO EFFECT!

DON'T SHOOT THE ELECRAN--FIRE ON THE ***WATER*** AT ITS BASE! YOU'LL TURN IT TO STEAM.

HERE! TO ME! HERE!

STAY AWAY FROM MY SON!

WE'RE SAFE NOW.

MY DUTY IS TO KEEP THE BOY SAFE, MY LORD, BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PROTECT HIM FROM SUCH THINGS.

WE ALL DID OUR BEST, GOIRE. WE SURVIVED.

CONTROLS SHOULD BE FIXED BEFORE LONG, M'LORD DUKE. WE'LL BE UNDER WAY.

THERE WAS DANGER, AND KAILEA WILL BE FURIOUS.

BUT I CANNOT SHELTER HIM FROM EVERYTHING. HE WILL BE DUKE SOMEDAY...

WALLACH IX

THIS IS YOUR MOST IMPORTANT TEST, JESSICA. THESE THREE OBJECTS. YOU MUST CHOOSE.

WHAT DO THEY DO?

BENE GESSERIT MOTHER SCHOOL

ONE IS PAIN. ONE IS PLEASURE. ONE IS ETERNITY.

WHICH DO YOU CHOOSE?

PAIN. PLEASURE. ETERNITY.

THIS IS HOW WE TEST HUMANS, GIRL.

YOUR VERY LIFE DEPENDS ON THE CHOICE YOU MAKE.

WHAT KIND OF TEST DOES THE REVEREND MOTHER HAVE IN MIND FOR ME?

IF YOU FAIL, I WILL SCRATCH YOU WITH THE GOM JABBAR.

AND I WILL DIE.

CHOOSE WHICH ONE IS MOST PROFOUND TO YOU. AND ENDURE. THAT IS THE ENTIRE TEST.

A JOURNEY... THE PAIN OF BIRTH, THE PLEASURE OF A LIFE WELL LIVED, THE ETERNITY OF DEATH.

HOW CAN I START ANYWHERE BUT THE BEGINNING?

I CAN HANDLE PAIN...

I MUST NOT FEAR.

I FEEL IT! THE INTENSITY! ALL OF MY NERVES...

FEAR IS THE MIND-KILLER.

FEAR IS THE LITTLE DEATH THAT BRINGS TOTAL OBLITERATION...

THE PAIN!

SHE MUST SURVIVE. I CANNOT DO THIS AGAIN!

I WILL FACE MY FEAR.

I WILL PERMIT IT TO PASS OVER ME AND THROUGH ME.

AND WHEN IT HAS GONE PAST I WILL TURN THE INNER EYE TO SEE ITS PATH.

WHERE THE FEAR HAS GONE THERE WILL BE NOTHING.

ONLY I WILL REMAIN.

YOU HAVE BEEN TAUGHT THAT NOT ALL *PEOPLE* ARE ***HUMANS.*** THIS IS HOW WE SORT THEM.

I...AM... HUMAN.

SO MUCH PAIN, BUT I AM PAST IT. NOW THERE'S PLEASURE...NOW THERE'S THE VOID OF ETERNITY.

UNNNHHHHHHH....

WELCOME TO THE SISTERHOOD, JESSICA.

WE HAVE GREAT PLANS FOR YOU.

GINAZ
SWORDMASTER SCHOOL

I HAVE TRAINED ON THESE ISLANDS FOR FOUR YEARS.

HALF OF THE OTHER STUDENTS HAVE FAILED AND GONE HOME.

YOU ARE STRONGER NOW, HIIH RESSER-- BUT I AM STILL BETTER!

BUT I REMAIN. AND I HAVE LEARNED MUCH.

THE LEGENDARY SWORDMASTER RIVVY DINARI.

A SWORDMASTER'S GREATEST WEAPON IS NOT HIS BLADE, BUT HIS *HONOR.*

LEARN HONOR, OR YOU DESERVE TO LEARN NOTHING AT ALL.

TRIN KRONOS, ONE OF THE GRUMMAN RECRUITS. GLOOMIER THAN THE CONSTANT RAIN CLOUDS.

HONOR WINS NO BATTLES UNLESS EACH SIDE ABIDES BY THE SAME RULES! YOU CAN BE BEATEN BY ANYONE WILLING TO BEND.

TO CHEAT? A VICTORY WITHOUT HONOR IS NO VICTORY!

WHAPP

TELL THAT TO THE DEAD SOLDIERS ON THE LOSING SIDE.

KRONOS, SHOW RESPECT FOR MASTER DINARI! WE ALL CAME HERE TO LEARN.

I GIVE RESPECT WHERE IT IS WARRANTED.

THESE TEACHINGS ARE NOT RELEVANT TO OUR HOUSE MORITANI-- AS YOU SHOULD KNOW, HIIH RESSER.

That night

STUDENTS! ALL OF YOU, FALL OUT!

YOU ALL REMEMBER KARSTY TOPER, FROM THE MAIN ISLAND.

I BRING GRAVE NEWS...

FOUR YEARS AGO, A GRUMMAN AMBASSADOR MURDERED AN ECAZI DIPLOMAT. THE FEUD FLARED UP UNTIL THE EMPEROR HIMSELF IMPOSED A PEACE.

BUT THE GRUMMANS RECENTLY COMMITTED EVEN MORE ATROCITIES!

ECAZI SCUM...

THEY BROKE THEIR WORD! THEY REEK OF DISHONOR!

SEVEN MEMBERS OF THIS CLASS ARE FROM GRUMMAN. *YOU MUST CHOOSE!*

REMAIN HERE AND LEARN THE COURSE OF RESPECT AND HONOR--OR LEAVE GINAZ.

AFTER ALL YOUR TALK ABOUT HONOR, YOU ASK US TO ABANDON OUR VISCOUNT MORITANI?

LOYALTY TO AN UNJUST CAUSE IS A PERVERSION OF HONOR.

UNJUST CAUSE? IT IS NOT MY PLACE TO CHALLENGE THE DECISIONS OF MY VISCOUNT.

COME, GRUMMANS! WE WILL NOT WASTE OUR TIME ANY FURTHER.

NO. I AM STAYING. I CAME HERE TO BE A SWORDMASTER.

NO GOOD WILL COME OF THIS...

LANKIVEIL
SACRED CITY OF
BIFROST EYRIE

RRRMMMMMBBBBLLL

EMMI! TERRIBLE NEWS! AN AVALANCHE STRUCK BIFROST EYRIE IN THE MOUNTAINS.

SO MUCH DESTRUCTION... SO MANY DEAD!

MY FATHER IS BURGOMASTER THERE! IS HE ALIVE?

YES, HE SENT THE NEWS. BUT I AM THE PLANETARY GOVERNOR--WE HAVE TO GO THERE RIGHT AWAY!

OHHHH, ABULURD! THE CITY IS HALF BURIED!

WE WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HELP THEM.

FATHER! YOU'RE ALIVE.

BUT SO MANY ARE NOT. TIME IS SHORT.

WE WILL SEND EXCAVATION CREWS. I CAN PULL MANY HARD WORKERS FROM THE FUR-WHALE SHIPS.

BIFROST EYRIE IS A SACRED CITY... BUT NOW IT IS RUINED.

AND RIGHT NOW OUR ANNUAL TAXES ARE DUE TO HOUSE HARKONNEN. YOU ARE THE PLANETARY GOVERNOR, SIR--PLEASE!

WE CANNOT PAY AT THIS TIME. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE.

OF COURSE, TAKE THE TIME YOU NEED. THIS IS MORE IMPORTANT.

MY BARON, I BRING A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BROTHER ON LANKIVEIL.

MY WORM OF A FATHER...

GIEDI PRIME
HARKONNEN HEADQUARTERS

ABULURD HARKONNEN, PLANETARY GOVERNOR OF LANKIVEIL, REGRETS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE EXPECTED TAX REVENUE FROM BIFROST EYRIE WILL BE DEFERRED FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, DUE TO A NATURAL DISASTER.

AND WHY DO MY FINANCES HAVE TO SUFFER BECAUSE OF THEIR NATURAL DISASTER?

MY FATHER IS *WEAK.*

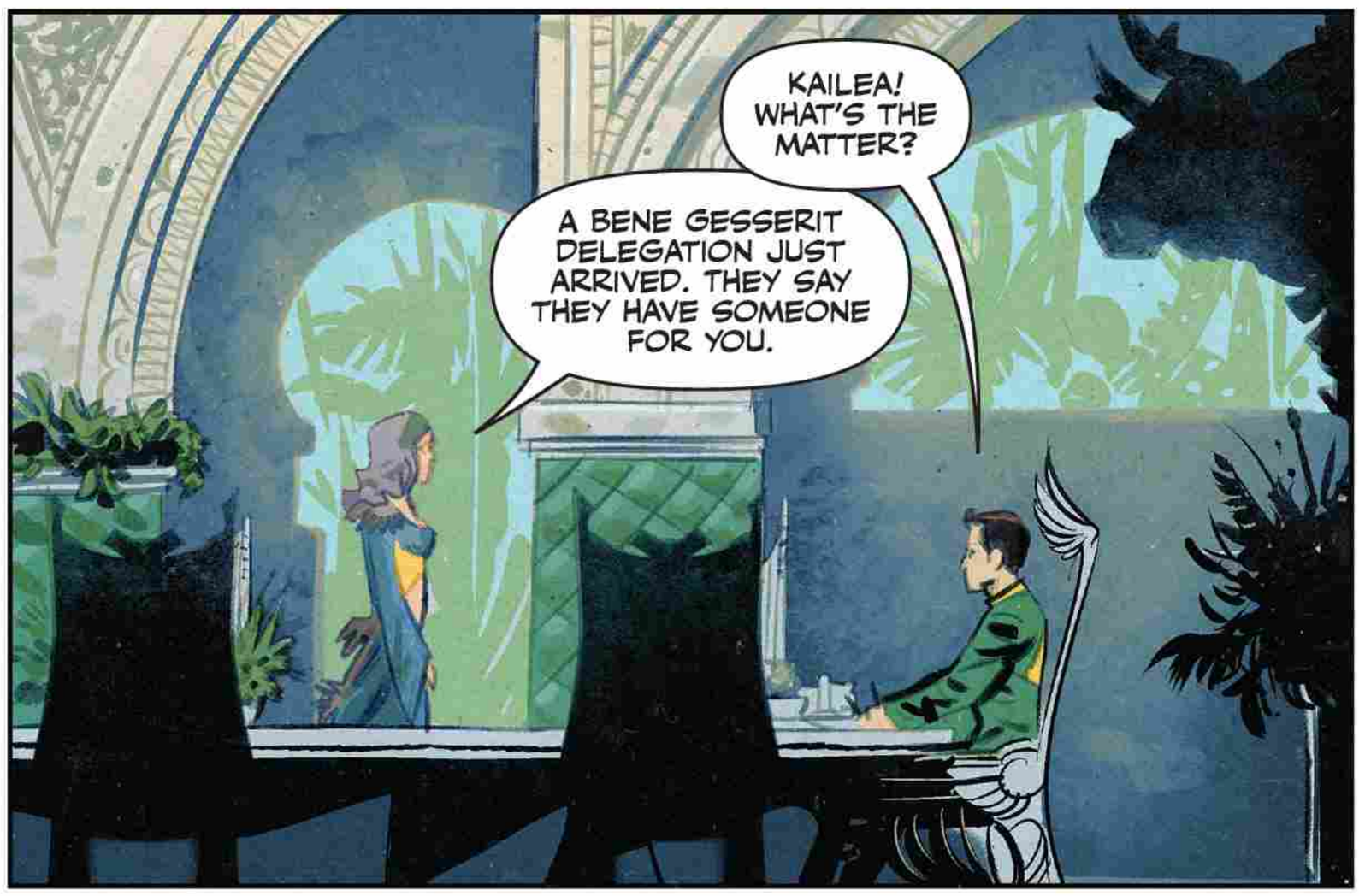
WE CANNOT ALLOW THIS. KINDNESSES GROW LIKE WEEDS.

RABBAN! THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE UP FOR YOUR MANY FAILURES.

SHALL I GO RIP IT FROM THEIR TREASURY, UNCLE?

GO BACK TO LANKIVEIL, BUT THIS TIME NOT IN DISGRACE. YOU HAVE A JOB TO DO.

CALADAN SPACEPORT



THE WITCHES NEVER DO ANYTHING THAT DOESN'T SERVE THEIR OWN PURPOSES. WHAT SCHEMES DO THEY HAVE?

WE ALREADY HAVE A BENE GESSERIT HERE-- RHOMBUR'S CONCUBINE TESSIA.

AH, BUT THIS ONE IS ***YOURS,*** DUKE LETO--TO DO WITH AS YOU WISH.

...AS A WORKER, A SOUNDING BOARD, AN ADVISER... A CONSORT.

OR A SPY? TO OBSERVE EVERYTHING ABOUT HOUSE ATREIDES?

I ALREADY HAVE A CONCUBINE, THE MOTHER OF MY SON.

I HAVE EXTENSIVE TRAINING IN MANY AREAS, MY LORD. I'M SURE YOU CAN FIND ME USEFUL.

WHAT ARE YOU REALLY SCHEMING?

DID THE SISTERHOOD NOT HELP YOU IN YOUR TRIAL BY FORFEITURE? DID OUR INFORMATION NOT ***SAVE*** YOU?

YOU KNOW THE SECRETS AS WELL AS I...AND WE KNOW MANY MORE SECRETS.

WE ARE NOT YOUR ENEMIES, DUKE LETO ATREIDES.

VERY WELL, SHE CAN STAY. BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN I WILL TAKE HER INTO MY BED.

THANK YOU, MY LORD DUKE.

WE WILL LET BIOLOGY TAKE ITS COURSE...

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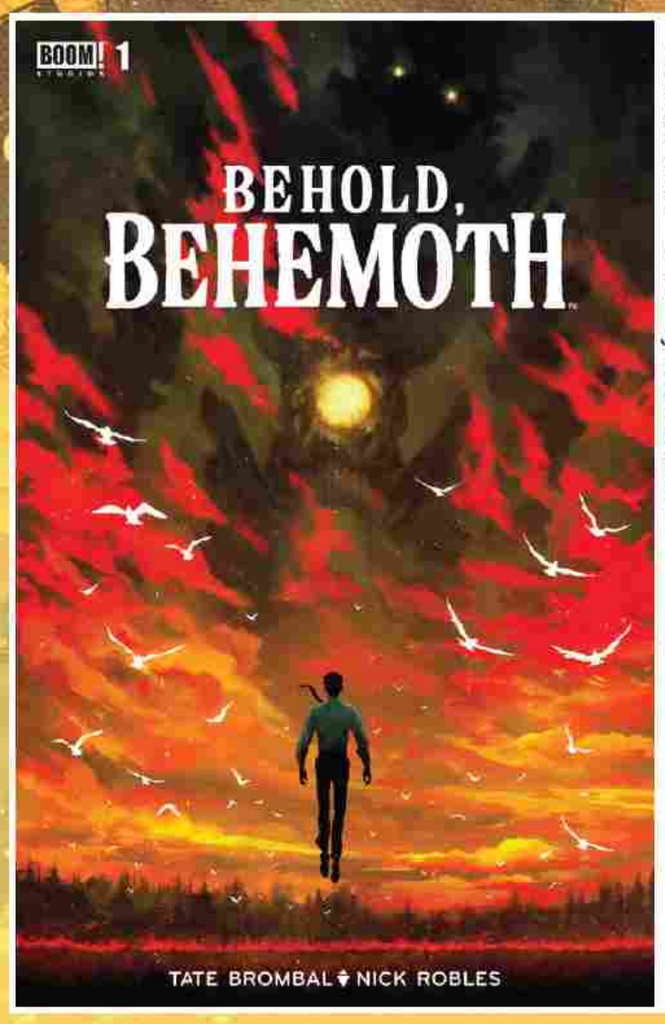

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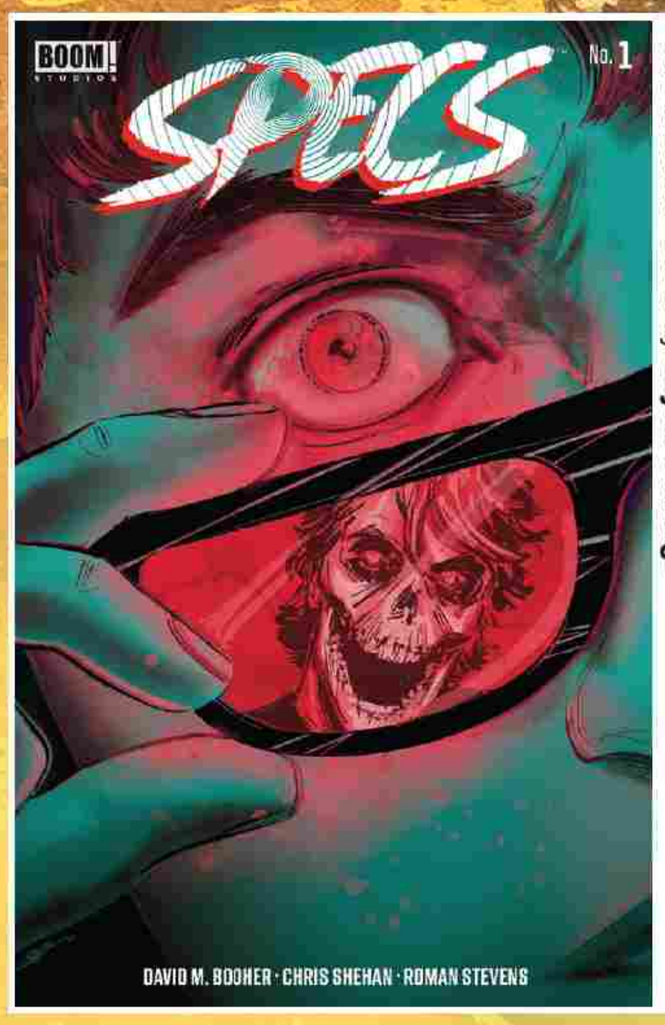

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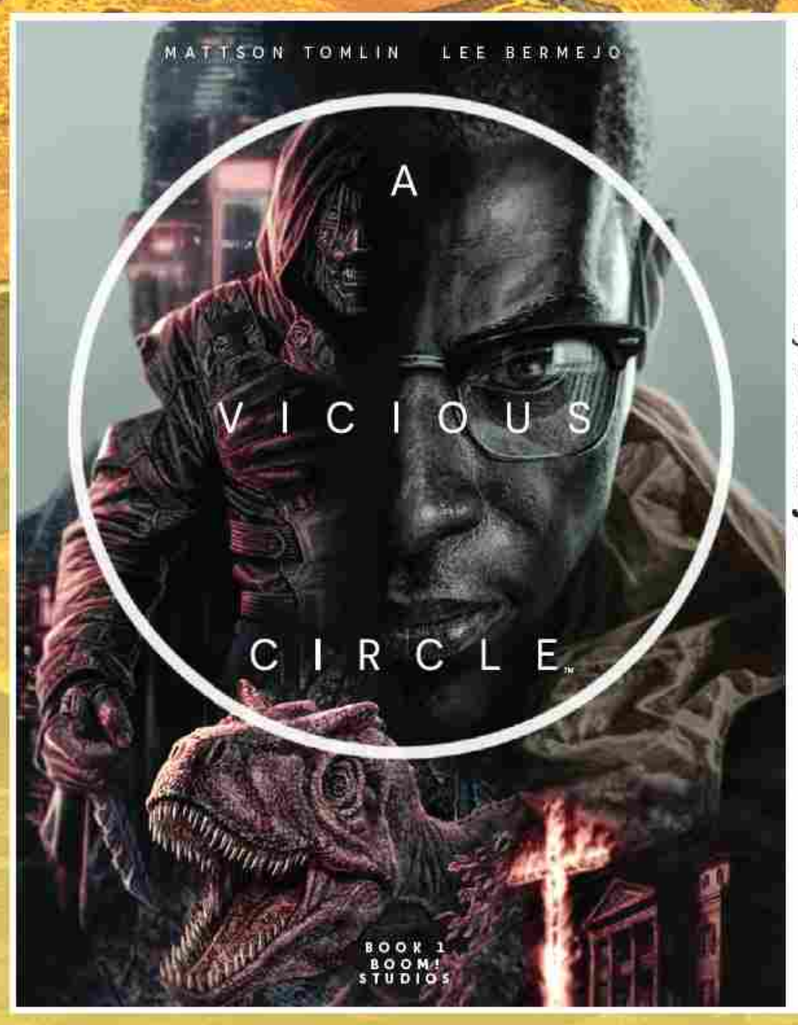

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Sometimes you get what you want, just not the way you expect.

I wanted more of *The Expanse*, and I wasn't alone. The TV show got me hooked from the start, and between episodes I devoured *Leviathan Wakes*, the first in James SA Corey's Hugo Award-winning novel series from which it was adapted. Waiting for the next season — and the next, and the next — always felt like a hard time. Fortunately I had the books, short stories and novellas to immerse myself in.

Created by James SA Corey — the pen-name of authors Daniel Abraham and Ty Franck — *The Expanse* weaves a vast and sprawling story with multiple viewpoint characters, as the human race struggles to colonise the vast gulf of our solar system. But of course, people are still people. Even 200 years in the future, we're still just apes who throw rocks. It's just that the rocks are bigger. A lot bigger…

That kind of scale might not seem to lend itself to the budgetary restraints of the small screen, but they pulled off a miracle — and they didn't dumb it down for TV! How often do we get to say that about award-winning science fiction…?

They say all good things must come to an end… but they're wrong. After three outstanding seasons, *The Expanse* was cancelled by the SYFY Channel, but fans of *The Expanse* mounted a passionate campaign to get it picked up by another studio — and it worked! Another miracle! We got three more excellent seasons via Amazon. *The Expanse* fans understand that real fans aren't gatekeepers, they're evangelists. We share the love.

While we waited in hope for more, I kept *The Expanse* alive by re-watching the show with my son, playing the RPG (terrible Belter accent and all) live on Twitch, and lining up at New York Comic Con to get my photo taken aboard the Rocinante. I was grateful for what we'd been given, but I still wanted more…

… Until, quite out of the blue, BOOM! Studios' Jon Moisan emailed to ask if I'd have any interest in writing a new comic series of *The Expanse*.

I swear, I jumped at the offer so fast, I should have been strapped into a crash couch.

Like I said, sometimes you get what you want, just not the way you expect. I wanted more of *The Expanse*… but I never even dared to dream I'd be writing it myself. Now it's real. It's happening. I'm writing these characters I know and love — Holden, Naomi, Amos, Bobbie, Clarissa, Avasarala, Drummer — and you'd better believe I'm grinning while I do it.

The Expanse: Dragon Tooth is a continuation of the TV show's storyline, set soon after the finale of season six. Our first issue is due out in April, and the Kickstarter for exclusive limited-edition collections is currently rocketing towards a million dollars in pledges. The fans pulled off another miracle, and the Rocinante is ready to roll again.

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ANDY DIGGLE
WRITER, *THE EXPANSE: DRAGON TOOTH*

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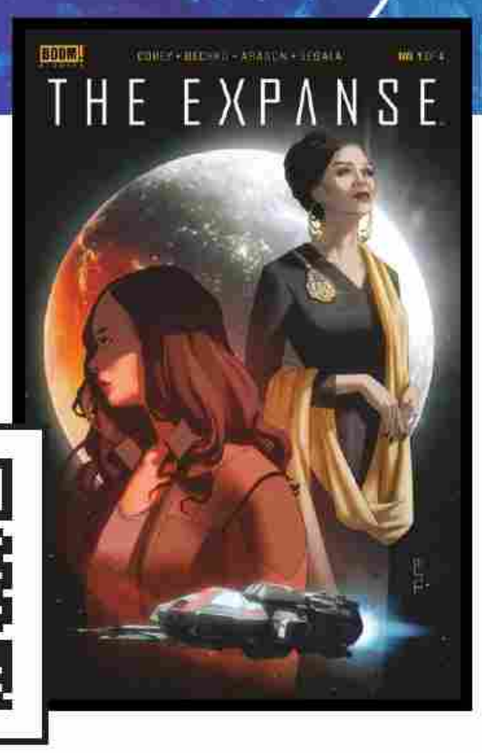

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